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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT LETTER

Applicants herewith submit an Information Disclosure Statement for the above-identified application.

Since neither a Final Office Action nor a Notice of Allowance has issued in this application, please consider the enclosed information and charge the \$180.00 fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 12-1155.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, to our Deposit Account No. 12-1155, including all required fees under: 37 C.F.R. §1.16; 37 C.F.R. §1.17; 37 C.F.R. §1.18; 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

Documents relating to the above-identified application are submitted herewith. These documents are intended for the Examiner's information and for citation with the instant case. This submission does not constitute either a representation that a thorough search has been made or an admission that the documents cited herein are properly citable against the above-captioned patent application. An attached PTO Form 1449 lists all the documents.

The undersigned has been informed: that designer Whey Protein Blast drinks (ex Next Proteins, California, USA) comprises b-lactoglobulin and a-lactalbumin and are used as food supplements for building muscle mass; that the drinks comprise very low levels of carbohydrates and no fat and thus the calories are provided predominantly from the protein; that a bottle of 20 American ounces (about 600 ml) comprises no fat, 1g

carbohydrate and 17g protein; that the drinks are expressly instructed not to be used for weight reduction.

The undersigned has been informed: that powders to produce drinks comprising b-lactoglobulin and a-lactalbumin, and such drinks, are known for blood pressure lowering; that a powder from Davisco Foods Int. comprises 20g of b-lactoglobulin and a-lactalbumin, 1g fat and 6g carbohydrate per 30g of powdered product; that the powders can be mixed with water or milk to produce the drink; that the powders and drinks provide over 55% of the total calories in the powder or drink (when made with water or cows milk) from the protein content.

Respectfully submitted,



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